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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DIESEL ENGINE PLANT AT AIN-OUSSERA

REF: A) ALGIERS 0693, B) USDOC 12031

1. AIN-OUSSERA PLANT REFERRED TO REFTEL B IS PART OF TRADE OP SENT AS ALGIERS 0693.
2. FRENCH EMB. COMMERCIAL OFFICER REPORTS THAT MIDDLE EAST DIGEST ARTICLE AND OTHERS IN FRENCH TRADE JOURNALS TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH COMPANY WILL COOPERATE WITH ALGERIANS ON ENGINE PLANT ARE FALSE. SAYS THERE ARE MANY COMPETITORS BIDDING, BUT HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT FAR ADVANCED. HE ESTIMATES VALUE OF PLANT AT \$500 MILLION.
3. EL MOUDJAHID OF JULY 19 REPORTS THAT SONACOME EXPERTS ARRIVED JULY 16 IN AIN-OUSSERA FOR SURVEY TO CHOOSE SITE OF PLANT. NOTES THAT SITE WILL DEPEND ON RAILWAY LOCATION WHICH UNCERTAIN AT MOMENT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, PLANT WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF 20,000 MOTORS (NO PERIOD MENTIONED).
4. EMB. NOTES REF A REFERS TO CAPACITY AS 97,500 ENGINES PER YEAR, AND REF B AS 70,000 PER YEAR. APPARENTLY SIZE NOT YET DETERMINED.
5. WE CAN GET NO INFORMATION AT MOMENT FROM SONACOME.PARKER

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